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Enclosed for filing is a complete divisional patent application, entitled "VACUUM RELEASE MECHANISM" invented by:

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and including the following documents:

Specification including Claims - 27 pages

Abstract of the Disclosure

Drawings - 12 sheets

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A copy of the original Declaration, Power of Attorney from the parent application

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This patent application is a divisional of prior Application No. 10/096,456, filed on March 11, 2002 which is a continuation-in-part of 09/782,468, filed February 9, 2001.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Declaration is enclosed, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The parent application is assigned to Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

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